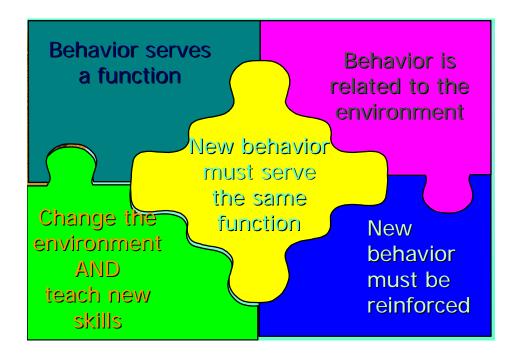
## **Key Concepts in Understanding Behavior PowerPoint**

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I created a three hour training rated G, suitable for any group. I have presented it to instructional aides, all types of credentialed staff, and parents. Without exception, the participants say that they wish everyone at their school could have been there. By sending this training out to cyberspace, I hope everyone *can* be there!

The training begins with some philosophical underpinnings of a positive stance to behavior intervention and gives clear directions on how to describe behaviors accurately and non-judgmentally. Then five key concepts are presented:



I use a flip chart and have a few participants volunteer their behavior descriptions. I use the cases they provide to model how each of the concepts look when applied to a student. After each concept is introduced, time is allotted for each participant to fill in a form provided and share their findings with a partner.

What you want to achieve with this training, aside from imparting information, is changing hearts and minds. I use many stories about children I have seen to illustrate the points I make, and shamelessly exploit emotions. To make this training effective, you will need to add your own touches and stories.